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SUBJECT GRZ AND OTHERREACTION TO SOARES-SAMORA MACHEL TALKS IN LUSAKA

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MAKR CHONA INVITED AMBASSADOR
TO STATE HOUSE SUNDAY, JUNE 9, TO EXPRESS VIEW OF GRZ
AS HOST AND OBSERVER THAT SOARES-SAMORA MACHEL MEETING ON
FUTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE HAD GONE "VERY WELL". ACCOMPLISHED
BASIC OBJECTIVES FOR BOTH PARTIES TO GET TOGETHER AFTER 13
YEARS OF GUERRILLA WAR, GET ACQUAINTED, SIZE UP ONE
ANOTHER'S INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES, AND SET STAGE FOR
NEXT MEETING HERE IN EARLY JULY.

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2. CHONA DISCOUNTED PRESS HINTS THAT PARTIES MAY HAVE TALKED PAST ONE ANOTHER. PORTUGUESE ON CEASE FIRE AND FRELIMO ON INDEPENDENCE, ALTHOUGH CONFIRMED THAT INITIAL PORTUGUESE ASSESSMENT OF STARTING POINT UNDER-ESTIMATED FRELIMO'S CENTRAL INTERESTS AND DEGREE OF PREPARATION FOR SELF GOVERNMENT. ALSO CONFIRMED SOARES NEEDED CONSULT FURTHER WITH LISBON BEFORE RESPONDING TO SAMORA'S VIEWS ON "FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL PRINCIPLES" (MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE).

CLAIMED SAMORA NEITHER TABLED NOR GAVE PORTUGUESE COPY OF FRELIMO'S DETAILED CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS (HOW TRANSITION TO BE EFFECTED WHICH OTHER ZAMBIAN SOURCES SAID WAS TO HAVE BEEN BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. SAMORA TRIED TO CONVEY TO PORTUGUESE THAT FRELIMO IS RESPONSIBLE, CAPABLE OF ASSUMING POWER, DEMOBILIZING AND REDEPLOYING ITS MILITARY FORCES. CHONA FELT SAMORA MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON SOARES AND EARNED HIS RESPECT AS TOUGH NEGOTIATOR.

4. CHONA STRESSED HOW VERY MUCH ZAMBIANS IMPRESSED BY SAMORA'S INDEPENDENCE AS LEADER-- VERY MUCH HIS OWN MAN AND NOT RPT NOT A CAPTIVE OF ANY SPECIAL INTEREST, ZAMBIAS, TANZANIANS, RUSSSIANS OR CHINESE.

5. CHONA (WHO HAS ANTI-USSR BIAS) CONVINCED SOVIETS NOT RPT NOT BEING HELPFUL IN SEARCH FOR PEACE; AND ARE "FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS". ASKED IF USG HAD EVIDENCE OF THIS. I REPLIED NEGATIVELY. CHONA ADDED SOVIETS UNDERVALUING AND DOWNPLAYING RESULTS OF FIRST SOARES-SAMORA MEETING. INDIGNANT WITH LONDON RIGHT WING DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORT REPRINTED BY TIMES OF ZAMBIA THAT "MEETING DREW A BLANK".

6. AS FOR REFERENDUM, CHONA SAID IF SUBJECT RAISED, SOARES GOT A FLAT NO RPT NO. THEN OFFERED HIS OWN OPINION THAT REFERENDUM WOULD TEND TO POLARIZE RACES IN MOZAMBIQUE, A SWITCH FROM HIS EARLIER VIEW THAT IT WOULD

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BE RIGGED. ON REPRESENTIVITY CHONA EXPLAINED PSYCHOLOGICAL RESTRAINTS ON FRELIMO IN STAGING POLITICAL RALLIES AND MASS MEETINGS. SAID SUSPCIONS STILL RUN STRONG BETWEEN FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES AFTER YEARS OF WAR; MOREOVER THERE IS DANGER IN PREXENT TENSE, UNCERTAIN ATMOSPHERE OF CROWDS GETTING OUT OF HAND. THIS COULD DAMAGE RATHER THAN IMPROVE SAMORA'S PUBLIC IMAGE IN MOZAMBIQUE.

7. CHONA DESCRIBED SAMORA'S VIEWS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE (AIMED AT SOUTH AFRICA IN PARTICULAR) AS MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE (SEPTEL NOTAL).

8. CHONA AGAIN URGED USG POLICY LEVEL CONTACT WITH SAMORA FOR FULL APPRECIATION OF MAN AND HIS POTENTIAL. RECALLED USG WAS "AHEAD OF BRITISH" IN CONTACTS WITH UNIP IN ZAMBIA IN 1964. CLAIMED SAMORA WAS NOT RPT NOT FULLY SATISFIED WITH WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS BUT RELUCTANT TO APPEAR HAT IN HAND IN MAKING REQUEST, AS FEELS FRELIMO ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE ENTITLE HIM TO SOME RECOGNITION. CHONA HINTED THAT "ACCIDENTAL MEETING" WITH SAMORA AND CHIEF OF U.S. MISSION IN DAR ES SALAAM OR LUSAKA COULD BE ARRANGED. I REPLIED ISSUE UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON BUT I WOULD REPORT HIS LATEST COMMENTS.

9. I VOLUNTEERED IT POSSIBLE FONMIN SOARES COULD GIVE HIS OWN PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TO HIS NATO COLLEAGUES IF OPPORTUNITY AROSE AT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OTTAWA LATER THIS MONT. CHONA ENTHUSIASTIC OVER POSSIBILITY.

10. SUBSEQUENTLY: ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ROSSI TOLD ME CHONA INVITED HIM TO STATE HOUSE JUNE 5 AND COVERED MUCH SAME GROUND REGARDING SAMORA'S TALENTS AND NEED FOR WEST TO APPRECIATE THEM. ROSSI ALSO SAID HE CALLED ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR BELAKOLOS WHO CONVINCED TALKS WERE "A FLOP" AND OUTLOOK DISMAL AS PORTUGUESE FAILD TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OR ARMISTICE AND COMMITMENT BY FRELIMO TO ORGANIZE AND COMORT ITSELF AS POLITICAL PARTY.
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